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ANNUAL REPORT



TOWN OF MASON

NEW HAMPSHIRE

1993



To our beloved friend
Debby Downey
we dedicate
with considerable pride
great joy and sincere gratitude
our 1993 Mason Town Report



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Volunteers at the Pony Farm in Temple (Debbie Mullan, Cheryl Greenwood, Marydale Casey)
Civil War Soldiers for Memorial Day Ceremonies (David Morrison, Peter Seraichick w/ Andrew)
Collecting Sap for Sugaring (Wally Brown)
Masenic School Board Member (Arthur Godjikian)
25th Anniversary of Wolf Rockers Square Dance Club (Clifton and Charlotte Hastings)
Wapack Brass Concerts (Martin Milkovits, Robert Griffin, David Evans, Will Phillips of Temple)

ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
Town Officers
of
MASON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
for the
Year Ending December 31, 1993

The Board of Selectmen was formed in 1936.

Mayor, -

John P. Poirer

Deputy Mayor

John Poirer

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT - 1993

The selectmen wish to report that 1993 brought its usual number of scheduled and unscheduled disasters as well as an occasional bright spot.

Early in the year one of our part time police officers severely crimped the back of the Blazer sliding down an ice sheet on Barrett Road. As the cost of the repairs exceeded the value of the vehicle, the selectmen opted to enter into a lease purchase for a new 4-wheel drive vehicle and sell the old one. Later in the year our patrol car also received a ding or two -- oh the joys of winter driving...

Inter-town relations were mixed. 50/50 failed *again* but reappeared as 75/25! The communications center survived a thorough review. Greenfield is seceding from the dump but has rejoined temporarily!? The Mason selectmen reviewed our ambulance arrangement with Souhegan Ambulance. This unfortunately led to some ill feelings which forced the selectmen to make a decision in advance of town meeting. Thanks to the efforts of Dave Cook and Patricia G. Greene, we feel we are now better served by Brookline Ambulance. Kudo's also to Jeffrey Marshall whose negotiations probably avoided what would otherwise have been settled in court.

To some of the selectmen's surprise, the handicap ramp fits the architectural style of Town Hall. Other than an attempt to place a foundation post into our underground fuel tank everything went well.

The re-evaluation of utility property yielded more assessed value than anticipated. The last page of the appropriations spreadsheet (page 21) shows this. However we wish to point out that this year's tax drop was in large measure due to the drop in the number of pupils we sent to the school district, and that there appears to be no such relief in the 92-93 ADM's. Furthermore, New England Power is attempting to change state law (first round defeated). Both New England Power and New England Telephone are appealing their assessments. We see a bumpy road ahead.

All of our departments are doing their usual good job. Special thanks to Curt Dunn for negotiating free use of a loader while we *still* await the delivery of the new machine. This has immensely helped the 1993 cash flow. Our Police Department is coping with the increasing and more violent nature of crime as well as providing reduced response time for ambulance calls. Our Fire Department has given a home to our new Ambulance First Responders as well as providing much of the man-power.

The Board of Selectmen looks forward to 1994.

Sincerely,

Clifton Hastings

Wolfgang Millbrandt

Anne Richards

TOWN OFFICE HOURS AND MEETINGS

SELECTMEN

Office Hours: Mann House, 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Monday through Thursday

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 P.M.
Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month.

Telephone: 878-2070

TOWN CLERK

Office Hours: Mann House, Tuesday 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
Thursday Evening, 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Telephone: 878-2070

PLANNING BOARD

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 P.M.
Last Thursday of the month

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Office Hours: Mann House, 7:00 P.M.
Every Tuesday
By Appointment

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 P.M.
Third Monday of the month

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR 2 yr term		
Catherine Schwenk		March 1994
TOWN CLERK 3 yr term		
Charlotte N. Hastings		March 1996
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK		
Deborah Mullan, Appointed		March 1996
TREASURER 3 yr term		
Deborah Downey, deceased		March 1996
Ann Gavin Blum, appointed July 1993		March 1994
DEPUTY TREASURER		
Barbara L. Milkovits, Appointed		March 1996
SELECTMEN 3 yr term		
Clifton Hastings, Chairman		March 1994
Wolfgang Millbrandt		March 1995
Anne (Nancy) Richards		March 1996
TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr term		
Charlotte N. Hastings		March 1996
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR		
Deborah Mullan, Appointed		March 1996
AUDITOR 1 yr term		
Patricia Greene		March 1994
SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST 6 yr term		
Shirley Morley, Chairman		March 1996
Constance Lacasse		March 1998
Doris Polk		March 1998
LIBRARY TRUSTEES 3 yr term		
Marydale Casey		March 1995
Bette Lewicke		March 1994
Cheryl Davieau		March 1996
TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES 3 yr term		
Wolfgang Millbrandt		March 1994
Wallace A. Brown		March 1995
David S. Morrison		March 1996
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 3 yr term		
James Losee		March 1996
Reverend Bonnie Evans		March 1995
George Schwenk		March 1994

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

PLANNING BOARD

Robert Griffin, Chairman	March 1996
Bruce Mann	March 1995
Michael Goen	March 1995
Garth Fletcher, Alternate	March 1996
William Downs	March 1996
Anne Richards, Ex-officio	
Constance Lacasse, Clerk	

BALLOT CLERKS

Linda LeBlanc	March 1994
Sandra LeClair	March 1996
Isabelle Farrey	March 1995
Pauline Bergeron	March 1994

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

David Nickless, Chairman, <i>resigned</i>	March 1994
Joan Losee	March 1994
Michael Davieau	March 1995
Robert Bergeron	March 1995
Amy Laurencelle, Clerk	March 1996
Clifton Hastings, Ex-officio	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert LaRochelle, Chairman	March 1994
Florence Roberts	March 1996
Elizabeth Fletcher	March 1996
Shirley Morley	March 1994
Edith Griffin	March 1994
Paul Gavin	March 1994
Gary Ellsworth	March 1994

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Irene Cook, Chairman	March 1996
David Evans	March 1996
Michael Farrey	March 1996
Ralph LeClair	March 1996
Ted Saunders	March 1996

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Lewicke, Chairman	March 1994
Penelope Savard	March 1994
Cynthia Tibbetts	March 1995
Stanley Brown	March 1996
Dorothy Millbrandt	March 1996
Martin Milkovits	March 1996
Wolfgang Millbrandt, Ex-officio	

POLICE OFFICERS

Robert L. Malboeuf, Chief
Kris Thibault, Full Time Police Officer
David Baker, Special Police Officer
Laurence Duval, Special Police Officer
Michael Farrey, Special Police Officer
Shawn Lawler, Special Police Officer
John LeBlanc, Special Police Officer

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Officers

Bruce W. Berry, Fire Chief/Warden
David P. Cook, First Assistant Fire Chief/Deputy Warden
Charles W. Fifield, Second Asst. Chief (*retired*)
David Baker, Second Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden
Robert A. Bergeron, Captain
Frederick W. Greenwood, First Lieutenant
Francis Gavin, Acting Second Lieutenant

First Responders

David P. Cook, Coordinator
Patricia Greene EMT-I
John LeBlanc EMTA
Robert L. Malboeuf EMTA
Lisa Malboeuf EMTA-D
Jeffrey Marshall EMTA
John LeBlanc Jr.
Francis Gavin, Training Observer

Active Firefighters

Anthony Bergeron
Michael Blum
Ann Gavin Blum
Paul Gavin
Cliff Hastings
Charles Lanni
John LeBlanc
Jeffrey Marshall
Robert Polk
Anne Richards
Rodney Stedman
Roland Theriault

Additional Forest Fire Wardens

Curtis M. Dunn, Deputy Warden
Wallace A. Brown, Deputy Warden
Clifton Hastings, Deputy Warden

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Cynthia Budrewicz, Chairman	March 1994
Wallace A. Brown	March 1995
Gretchen West	March 1996
Marybeth Brown	March 1995

WATER HOLE COMMITTEE

David Cook	March 1996
Charles Fifield	March 1994

Doris Polk, *resigned*

Kenneth B. Wilson

Curtis M. Dunn

Bruce W. Berry

Kenneth B. Wilson

Florence Wilson

Robert Polk, *resigned*

Kenneth B. Wilson

David Morrison

HEALTH OFFICER

DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER

ROAD AGENT

ASSISTANT ROAD AGENT

BUILDING INSPECTOR

TOWN BUILDING CUSTODIAN

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

HOUSE NUMBERING AGENT

SEXTON

MASON TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

The polls will be open from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at: Mason Town Hall

To the inhabitants of the Town of Mason, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to come to the polling place at the Town Hall in Mason at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 1994, for the election of Town officers pursuant to Article 1 of this Warrant, bringing in your ballots for the following:

Moderator	2 years
Treasurer	2 years
Selectman	3 years
Auditor	1 year
Supervisor of the Checklist	6 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Trustee of Cemeteries	3 years
Trustee of the Trust Funds	3 years

and to cast your ballots pursuant to Article 2 of this Warrant regarding amending Appendix A, Items 1 and VIII of the Town of Mason Planning Ordinance.

The polls will be open continuously until 7 p.m. when they shall close.

You are hereby notified also to meet at 8 p.m. of the same day and at the same place to act upon Articles of this Warrant.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms.
2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Mason Planning Ordinance, Appendix A, as follows:

a. In Item 1, "Definition of Terms", insert the following definition following "100-year flood" and before "Regulatory floodway":

"Recreational vehicle" means a vehicle which (a) built on a single chassis;
(b) 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;
(c) designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light-duty truck;
and (d) designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as a temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

b. In Item VIII, paragraph 2, insert the following as paragraph (d), reordering the subsequent paragraphs accordingly:

Recreational vehicles placed on sites within zones A1-A30 and AE shall either (i) be on the site for fewer than 120 consecutive days; (ii) be fully licensed and be ready for highway use; or (iii) meet all the standards of Section 60.3.(b) (1) of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations and the elevation and anchoring requirements for "Manufactured Homes" in Paragraph (c)(6) of Section 60.3, or take any other action relative thereto.

These amendments are required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) if Mason is to continue to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

3. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provision of RSA 33:7 providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to issue tax anticipation notes.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or borrowing, or otherwise, the sum of Six Hundred Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$608,886) for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing, or take any other action relative thereto.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the balance owed on the Loader voted for at Town Meeting, March 1993, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended By Selectmen (3-0).
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) for the support of the Mason First Responders and to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate a long term contract for ambulance service. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) for the purchase and installation of a new propane furnace for the Town Hall, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for replacing the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (S.C.B.A) air packs, at the 1995 Town Meeting. Split recommendation by Selectmen (2-1).
9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) from the Cemetery Land Purchase Fund for the purpose of laying out gravel roads and for mapping out new lots and seeding, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. Split recommendation by Selectmen (2-1).
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to replace the Chief's Fire Car with a later model used car, or take any other action relative thereto. Split recommendation by Selectmen (2-1).
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to purchase a front mount rake and frame mount for the Highway Department's 4X4 Truck, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the continued restoration of "Tom's House" on the Mason Common, or take any other action relative thereto. By petition. Split recommendation by Selectmen (2-1).
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for the purchase of a new pump for town gas pumps and to implement a gasoline vapor recovery program as required by Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for the evaluation of the Special Education Program of SAU 63 and/or the Mascenic Regional School District, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1200.00) for the purchase of new polling booths, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen (3-0).
17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Ninety-One Dollars and Sixty-Seven Cents (\$191.67) from surplus, such amounts received in 1993 from the sale of cemetery lots, to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
18. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a gift from the Mason Volunteer Fire Department, the Fire Station, located at 101 Depot Road, and all equipment directly related to fire fighting activity. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
19. To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 154:1 I.b which defines the Fire Department as a Municipal Department organized as follows : A Fire Chief appointed by the local governing body with firefighters appointed by the local governing body upon recommendation of the Fire Chief. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
20. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 154:5 which states as follows:
The chief fireward, engineer or fire chief in any town, village district, precinct, city or area which has adopted the provisions of this section shall be appointed for an indefinite period of time or for a definite term, as determined by the legislative body, and the tenure of office shall depend upon good conduct and efficiency. The chief fireward, engineer or fire chief shall be technically qualified by training or experience and shall have ability to command firefighters and hold their respect and confidence. The chief fireward, engineer or fire chief may be removed only for just cause and after hearing with reasonable notice in writing of the charges against that person.
Such term for appointment of the chief fireward, engineer or fire chief to be a three year term. Recommended by the Selectmen (3-0).
21. To see if the Town will vote to accept RSA 154:1-b for the formation of a Firefighter Association for the benefit of the Mason Fire Department. Recommended by the Selectmen (3-0).
22. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of RSA 31:95-b providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the year, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department and with monies received to be placed in the Highway Capital Equipment Reserve Fund. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).

24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen indefinitely until rescinded, to convey any real estate acquired by the town by tax collector's deed. Such conveyance shall be by deed following a public auction, or the property may be sold by advertised sealed bids, or the property may be retained by the town, or may be otherwise disposed of as justice may require pursuant to RSA 80:80. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
25. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of RSA 202-A: 4-c providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
26. To see if the Town will vote to establish a municipal forest under the provisions of RSA 31:110 and place all unencumbered Town lands under the jurisdiction of a Town Forestry Committee and to establish a Forest Maintenance Fund with proceeds and expenses from management of said forest to be placed in said fund and allowed to accumulate, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).

AUDITOR'S REPORT - 1992

March 14, 1993

In all areas audited, records were readily available and all town officials accommodating, forthright and knowledgeable.

I wish to submit two recommendations to the Board of Selectmen:

1. Marriage License fees to be transmitted from the Town Clerk's Office via deposit slip and included in the Town Clerk's Report in the Annual Town Report as income to the Town Clerk, thus matching the Auditor's report to the state.
2. Library Trustees institute a yearly donation sheet for monies and material donated. Thus, access to the validity of any donation can be easily accessed.

Patricia A. Greene
Auditor, Town of Mason

2/23/94	1990	1990	1991	1991	1992	1992	1993	1993	1994	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	94/93
Town Officers' Salaries										
Selectmen	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	0%
Town Clerk	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	0%
Treasurer	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	0%
Auditor	100	0	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	0%
Moderator					350	350	115	115	300	161%
	4,125	4,025	4,325	4,325	4,675	4,675	4,440	4,440	4,625	4%
Fees in Lieu of Salaries										
Tax Collector	7,200	7,250	7,250	7,724	7,250	7,940	7,250	7,788	7,250	0%
Town Clerk	2,800	2,971	3,000	2,813	3,000	2,810	3,000	2,846	3,000	0%
	10,000	10,221	10,250	10,537	10,250	10,750	10,250	10,634	10,250	0%
Administration										
Administrative Ass't	17,500	14,840	15,000	12,469	18,550	14,304	16,275	16,142	16,758	3%
Payroll taxes	3,000	2,712	2,700	2,508	1,710	3,035	2,700	2,705	2,850	6%
Health insurance	0	0	2,100	2,057	5,060	5,138	5,500	5,487	6,030	10%
Workers comp.	295	295	323	323	160	158	160	342	893	458%
Advertising	100	28	100	187	100	29	100	0	75	-25%
Bank service charges	200	196	50	291	300	425	300	619	400	33%
Association dues	100	27	100	35	50	85	85	35	50	-41%
Bonds	710	574	650	612	625	602	625	677	650	4%
Conferences	800	1,451	1,500	655	1,000	846	1,200	517	600	-50%
Computer services	2,800	4,048	2,500	2,215	1,500	1,730	1,700	1,610	1,700	0%
Mileage	400	340	400	333	150	216	150	200	150	0%
Contingency	250	153	250	256	250	185	250	70	200	-20%
Postage	850	771	850	935	850	921	900	933	900	0%
Registry fees	200	134	200	297	250	286	250	542	250	0%
Repairs & maintenance	200	228	300	65	300	333	300	2,620	300	0%
Retirement Ins						639	765	789	810	6%
Office supplies	2,500	1,606	1,600	1,583	1,200	1,169	1,200	1,333	1,200	0%
Telephone	950	719	850	820	850	739	850	636	750	-12%
Town reports	1,250	915	1,100	1,510	650	621	650	526	650	0%
	32,105	29,037	30,573	27,151	33,555	31,463	33,960	35,781	35,216	4%

2/23/94	1990	1990	1991	1992	1993	1993	1994	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	94/93
Planning & Zoning								
Salaries	1,700	1,175	1,400	1,400	1,013	1,400	968	1,400 0%
Payroll taxes	130	72	110	100	77	100	73	100 0%
Advertising	700	219	500	500	400	500	229	400 -20%
Training	190	0	100	100	0	100	0	50 -50%
Board of Adjustment	700	117	400	200	197	200	43	50 -75%
Historic District Commission	0	20	50	50	30	50	48	50 0%
SW Reg. Planning/Consulting	3,354	1,301	2,200	1,500	1,212	1,224	1,374	1,220 0%
Supplies	150	20	150	75	216	200	205	150 -25%
Postage	500	35	200	200	297	200	150	150 -25%
	7,424	2,959	5,110	4,125	3,442	3,974	3,089	3,570 -10%
Health & Welfare								
Health officer	50	0	50	50	0	50	0	25 -50%
Animal control	500	225	500	500	490	1,400	735	500 -64%
Ambulance	4,900	4,310	5,108	6,521	6,521	6,811	4,711	5,500 -19%
Town poor	3,000	120	1,500	1,500	1,675	2,000	1,380	2,000 0%
Nashua Mediation	100	200	100	0				
Visiting nurse	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500 0%
	9,750	6,355	8,758	10,071	10,185	11,761	8,326	9,525 -19%
Library								
Library salaries	13800	13663	14,032	14,835	14,750	14,880	14,879	15,315 3%
Payroll taxes	1100	1043	1,110	1,135	1,151	1,150	1,138	1,172 2%
Worker's Comp.								66
Dues, fees & educ	510	365	440	555	317	677	560	505 -25%
Equipment maintenance				0	0	45	45	0 -100%
Postage	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75 0%
Programming	80	76	50	50	50	50	49	125 150%
Supplies	300	290	200	200	200	125	124	175 40%
Telephone	360	371	360	332	364	360	325	409 14%
Travel	130	129	130	150	150	170	170	190 12%
Books	1800	1791	1,763	1,737	1,730	1,798	1,815	2,000 11%
	18,155	17,803	18,160	18,232	18,787	19,330	19,180	20,032 4%

2/23/94	1990	1990	1991	1991	1992	1992	1993	1993	1994	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	94/93
Highway Town Maintenance										
Road agent salary	27,221	27,298	27,435	27,528	30,079	30,079	31,111	31,103	31,332	1%
Asst road agent salary	22,812	22,823	24,133	23,839	25,336	25,336	25,557	25,557	26,322	3%
Other salaries	19,000	29,587	20,000	27,519	24,500	31,119	26,000	30,798	27,500	6%
Overtime wages	10,700	8,068	11,000	7,503	10,000	9,005	10,000	9,489	11,000	10%
Equipment operator	19,422	19,704	20,576	19,996	21,562	20,413	21,754	19,921	22,415	3%
Payroll taxes	8,070	8,201	6,900	8,374	8,550	9,057	8,800	9,020	9,071	3%
Health insurance	8,050	7,809	10,350	10,769	11,125	11,329	12,960	11,891	12,969	0%
Workers comp.	10,540	10,553	6,215	6,215	3,108	2,894	4,000	1,400	14,459	note 1
Retirement	4,000	3,874	4,000	4,000	4,300	4,225	4,550	4,610	4,750	4%
Consulting engineer	350	276	350	20	250	0	250	111	200	-20%
Mileage	2,000	1,643	1,700	1,653	1,700	1,739	1,700	1,788	1,850	9%
Fire equipment rental	350	0	350	0	350	0	350	33	350	0%
Calcium chloride	8,000	7,674	8,000	9,261	8,000	8,558	9,000	10,300	10,000	11%
Crusher	4,000	0	4,000	5,215	4,000	3,990	4,000	2,308	4,000	0%
Culverts	1,000	38	500	1,960	500	(328)	1,000	180	1,000	0%
Oil - pug mill	6,500	6,500	5,500	4,247	5,500	5,786	5,500	5,500	5,500	0%
Oil - sealing	11,000	7,901	10,000	6,800	8,000	8,069	10,500	10,084	11,500	10%
Patch	2,500	2,453	2,000	904	2,000	2,286	2,000	1,984	2,000	0%
Salt	5,000	4,969	5,000	4,844	3,750	5,037	5,000	4,631	4,000	-20%
Tractor rental	700	528	500	192	250	36	150	378	150	0%
Truck rentals	350	243	0	560	250	400	300	40	300	0%
Plowing	11,000	9,046	12,000	6,286	12,000	4,606	12,000	13,398	16,000	33%
	182,565	179,188	180,509	177,686	185,288	183,564	196,482	194,523	216,668	10%
Highway Dept. Expenses										
Building maintenance	4000	3537	4,000	4,087	3,500	2,144	3,000	3,795	3,000	0%
Chains	700	487	1,000	520	800	583	600	782	600	0%
Chainsaw repairs	500	84	350	316	350	312	300	90	400	33%
Dues & education	250	205	700	508	550	283	550	547	600	9%
Note 1 The increase in Workmen's Compensation cost is offset by a refund which the selectmen elected to apply to general revenues										

2/23/94	1990		1991		1992		1993		1994	
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Change 94/93
Highway...										
Edges for plows & graders	1000	1250	800	797	1,200	902	1,000	1,165	1,200	20%
Electricity	900	909	1,100	1,146	1,300	1,317	1,500	1,630	1,800	20%
Equipment maintenance	16500	18689	15,000	16,332	15,000	17,616	16,000	18,058	15,000	-6%
Fuel	9500	11582	12,000	11,681	12,000	10,117	12,000	8,854	11,000	-8%
Radios	800	673	800	495	600	390	600	932	800	33%
Telephone	700	700	700	622	800	677	700	705	850	21%
Tires	2000	1233	1,500	2,220	1,500	1,734	1,500	1,865	2,500	67%
Safety equipment	1000	704	1,000	832	1,000	1,021	1,000	437	1,000	0%
Tools	700	973	600	543	600	818	800	886	800	0%
Welding supplies	350	522	400	218	400	132	400	1,394	400	0%
Subtotal	38,900	41,528	39,950	40,317	39,600	38,044	39,950	41,081	39,950	0%
Total Highway Expenses	221,465	220,716	220,459	218,002	224,888	221,608	236,432	235,604	256,618	9%
Police Department										
Chief's salary	27500	28032	28,875	31,975	32,488	32,488	32,611	32,611	33,589	3%
Fulltime Officer	16500	16542	23,500	9,204					19,240	
Officers' salaries	5400	5212	4,000	10,068	20,842	20,635	20,674	22,266	9,028	-56%
Payroll taxes	1500	1097	1,400	1,353	2,065	2,093	2,055	2,127	1,457	-29%
Health insurance	7300	7085	10,100	7,039	5,060	5,138	5,500	5,460	8,585	56%
Workers comp.	2650	2660	2,240	2,240	1,120	1,081	1,120	758	3,525	215%
Retirement	2500	2554	3,600	2,728	3,021	1,430	1,640	1,177	2,642	61%
Conventions & dues	0	140	200	107	300	120	300	150	200	-33%
Cruiser fuel	3650	2811	3,000	2,179	2,500	2,182	2,500	1,754	2,000	-20%
Cruiser maintenance	3150	3839	2,000	3,558	2,500	4,576	2,500	1,684	2,000	-20%
Cruiser lease	4300	4256	5,950	6,429	5,950	5,916	6,900	6,893	6,900	0%
Office expenses	2200	2767	1,900	2,071	2,000	2,162	2,000	1,730	2,000	0%
Training	1100	222	300	930	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,494	1,000	-52%
Uniforms	3500	3627	2,000	2,210	3,000	3,104	1,000	1,337	1,000	0%
Equipment & maintenance	500	371	0	358	0	0	1,000	2,054	1,000	0%
Reports & permits	0	13	450	0	450	323	1,000	318	500	-50%
	81,750	81,228	89,515	82,448	83,396	83,349	82,900	82,814	94,666	14%

2/24/93	1990		1991		1992		1993		1994		Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget		94/93
Fire Department											
Fire Chief's salary					0	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0%
Warden training	300	195	300	0	300	51	100	28	50	50	-50%
Workers comp.	445	445	401	401	200	38	200	109	700	700	250%
Utilities	3400	3400	3,600	2,401	3,000	2,661	3,000	2,543	2,500	2,500	-17%
Telephone	1800	1800	1,000	915	1,000	834	1,000	698	800	800	-20%
Radio repair	0	0	800	595	800	392	800	901	800	800	0%
Fuel	1500	1500	1,800	1,461	1,800	881	1,200	752	1,000	1,000	-17%
Code books	375	375	400	313	400	380	400	239	250	250	-38%
Training	1000	1000	1,000	995	1,000	668	1,250	1,183	1,200	1,200	-4%
Equipment & Maint	1500	1500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,318	2,500	2,333	3,500	3,500	40%
Bld Maintenance	0	0	500	503	500	402	500	661	1,200	1,200	140%
Officers expenses	0	0	500	523	500	544	500	269	600	600	20%
Insurance	0	0	150	192	200	178	200	190	200	200	0%
Vehicle maintenance	2500	2127	3,500	3,270	4,000	3,686	4,000	4,119	4,000	4,000	0%
Expendables	350	350	350	325	350	293	350	63	300	300	-14%
Hepatitis Vaccine Program									2,000	2,000	
Subtotal	13,170	12,692	16,801	14,393	16,550	13,325	17,500	15,587	20,600	20,600	18%
Fire truck bond principal	15000	15000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0%
Fire truck bond interest	6775	6774	5,743	5,743	4,730	4,730	3,718	3,718	2,705	2,705	-27%
Truck engine replacement					4,250	4,250					
Total Fire Dept.	34,945	34,466	37,544	35,136	40,530	37,305	36,218	34,305	38,305	38,305	6%
Interest Tax Notes	26,000	36,486	23,000	26,701	20,000	18,616	20,000	7,483	15,000	15,000	
Abatements & Refunds		7,628		7,225		1,128		2,799			
Total Town Appropriations	555,604	557,080	561,715	544,929	567,747	549,434	578,006	555,793	608,886	608,886	5%

2/24/93	1990	1990	1991	1991	1992	1992	1993	1993	1994	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	94/93
Warrant Articles '90										
90#4 Hwy - Grader	78,000	78,000	(40,000 Cap Reserve, 18,000 Borrowed)							
90#6 Hwy- Dump Truck	5,800	5,800								
90#7 Library Capital Res	5,000	5,000								
90#9 Conservation (tax part)	15,000	15,000								
90#10 Fire Protective Gear	6,680	6,680								
90#11 Cemetery Land	10,000	10,000								
90#12 Wilton Recycling	4,600	4,600	(2,300 Matching)							
90#14 Health Regional	1,000	1,000								
90#15 Historic Gravestone	328	328								
	126,408	126,408	(66,108 by Taxation)							
Warrant Articles '91										
91#6 Fire Tanker Truck			22,150	22,138	(\$7,150 Cap Reserve)					
91#7 Hwy Radios			1,200	1,131						
91#8 Hwy Cap Reserve			2,858	2,858						
91#9 Library Capital Res			5,000	5,000						
91#13 Town Kelley Land			11,400	11,400						
91#16 Town Hall Repair			10,000	8,543						
91#20 Wilton Recycling			8,033	711						
			60,641	51,781	(53,491 by Taxation)					
Warrant Articles '92										
92#4 Hwy Office Building					16,000	16,000				
92#5 Hwy Capital Reserve					15,000	15,000				
92#6 Cemetery Improvement					10,000	9,951	(10,000 Cap Reserve)			
92#8 Historic Tom's House					3,000	1,806	(3,000 Worcester Fund)			
92#9 Town Computer					2,000	2,000				
92#10 Town Photocopier					1,200	1,200				
92#11 Library Encyclopedia					1,000	814				
92#19 Cemetery Transfer					200	200				
					48,400	46,971	(35,000 By Taxation)			

2/24/93	1990		1991		1992		1993		1994		Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	94/93
Town Assessments											
Total Appropriations	555,604	557,080	561,715	544,929	567,747	549,434	578,006	555,793	608,886	555,793	5%
Total Warrants	126,408	126,408	60,641	51,781	48,400	46,971	105,809	105,810	74,892	105,810	74,892
Less Revenues	261,025	261,025	236,636	236,636	230,588	230,588	246,434	258,118	230,000	258,118	230,000
Expenses less Revenues	420,987	422,463	385,720	360,074	385,559	365,817	437,381	403,485	453,778	403,485	4%
Other Assessments											
School District Assessment	936,415	936,415	992,297	992,297	954,770	954,770	929,978	929,978	1,071,525	929,978	15%
Hillsborough County	121,111	121,111	111,625	111,625	111,238	111,238	124,425	125,393	130,409	125,393	5%
Total Taxation	1,478,513	1,479,989	1,489,642	1,463,996	1,451,567	1,431,825	1,491,784	1,458,856	1,655,711	1,458,856	11%
Valuation(total - exemptions)											
	40,028,069	40,028,069	40,289,850	40,289,850	40,885,550	40,885,550	42,619,300	42,619,300	43,598,100	42,619,300	2%
Budget Tax Rate	\$36.94	\$36.97	\$36.97	\$36.34	\$35.50	\$35.02	\$35.00	\$34.23	\$37.98	\$34.23	
Actual Rate		\$36.98		\$35.99		\$36.59		\$34.35		\$34.35	

TOWN OF MASON
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance
For the year ended December 31, 1993 and 1992

	1993	1992
REVENUES:		
Highway Block Grant	\$48,206	\$37,420
Shared revenue	32,939	35,576
Other state grants	590	681
Property taxes	1,484,644	1,488,304
Yield taxes	9,018	7,062
Land use change taxes	0	3,500
Growth permits	0	0
Motor vehicle fees	83,863	80,844
Penalties and interest	22,201	37,693
Licenses and permits	3,227	5,369
Interest income	4,110	3,628
Dog licenses	1,701	1,531
Other	52,263	17,286
Total revenues	1,742,762	1,718,892
EXPENDITURES:		
General government	117,087	97,629
Cemeteries	12,917	16,074
Public safety	126,438	124,490
Highways	286,386	252,608
Sanitation	35,192	32,024
Health & Welfare	4,033	10,185
Education	929,978	954,770
Culture and recreation	27,908	24,848
Debt service	26,201	38,346
County taxes	125,393	111,238
Total expenditures	1,691,533	1,662,212
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	51,229	56,681
Other financing sources:		
Interfund transfers	0	
Unexpended encumbrances	2,260	760
	2,260	760
Excess (deficit) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses	53,489	57,441
Fund balance beginning	114,487	57,046
Fund balance ending	\$167,976	\$114,487

TOWN OF MASON
Combined Balance Sheet
At December 31, 1993

ASSETS	General Fund	Capital Reserves	Trust Funds	Conservation Commission	All Funds
Cash	\$459,109	\$26,356	\$118,534	\$6,287	\$610,286
Debit Memo	2,878				\$2,878
Deeded property	2,695				2,695
Unredeemed taxes	46,946				46,946
Uncollected taxes	175,335				175,335
Total assets	\$686,962	\$26,356	\$118,534	\$6,287	\$838,138

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Accounts payable	\$0				\$0
Encumbrances	53,996				53,996
Payroll taxes payable	0				0
Escrow Funds	0				0
Due to schools	464,989				464,989
Total liabilities	518,985	0	0	0	518,985
Fund balances	167,977	26,356	118,534	6,287	319,153
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$686,962	\$26,356	\$118,534	\$6,287	\$838,138

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January 1, 1993	\$383,341.41
Cash receipts:	
Town Clerk	85,629.00
Tax Collector	1,602,716.13
Selectmen	79,625.39
Interest income	4,109.58
Tax Anticipation Loans	400,000.00
Total cash available	2,555,421.51
Selectmen's orders paid	1,450,462.59
Payroll disbursements	237,747.73
Tax anticipation loans repaid	400,000.00
Interest on tax anticipation loan	7,483.33
Bank service charges	619.10
Total monies paid out	2,096,312.75
Cash on hand, December 31, 1993	\$459,108.76

Ann Gavin Blum, Treasurer

TOWN OF MASON BONDS

Period	Date	Principal Outstanding	Muni Bond Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
1	15-Jan-90			6.75%	3396.26	3396.26	
2	15-Jul-90	100000	15000	6.75%	3377.50	18377.50	21773.76
3	15-Jan-91			6.75%	2871.25	2871.25	
4	15-Jul-91	85000	15000	6.75%	2871.25	17871.25	20742.50
5	15-Jan-92			6.75%	2365.00	2365.00	
6	15-Jul-92	70000	15000	6.75%	2365.00	17365.00	19730.00
7	15-Jan-93			6.75%	1858.75	1858.75	
8	15-Jul-93	55000	15000	6.75%	1858.75	16858.75	18717.50
9	15-Jan-94			6.75%	1352.50	1352.50	
10	15-Jul-94	40000	15000	6.75%	1352.50	16352.50	17705.00
11	15-Jan-95			6.75%	846.25	846.25	
12	15-Jul-95	25000	15000	6.75%	846.25	15846.25	16692.50
13	15-Jan-96			6.75%	340.00	340.00	
14	15-Jul-96	10000	10000	6.80%	340.00	10340.00	10680.00
Totals			100000		26041.26	126041.26	126041.26

SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Improved & Unimproved Land	12,425,050
Assessed Value of Current Use Land	486,300
Conservation Restriction Assessment	1,700
Buildings (Mobile Homes Included)	28,175,550
Public Utilities	<u>1,655,100</u>
Valuations Before Exemptions	<u>42,743,700</u>

EXEMPTIONS

Elderly Exemptions	115,000
Solar Exemptions	<u>9,400</u>
	<u>124,400</u>

NET VALUE FOR TAX RATE

42,619,300

WAR SERVICE TAX CREDIT

Totally and permanently disables veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed in action.....	Limit	No.	Credits
	\$1,400	2	\$2,800
All Other Qualified Persons.....	\$100	71	\$7,100

1993 TAX RATE	Town	9.99
	County	2.92
	School	<u>21.44</u>
		34.35

REPORT OF THE MASON TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1993

	PRINCIPAL			INTEREST			TOTAL	
	Beginning Balance	Funds Created (Expended)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Interest Earned	Receipts (Disbursals)	Ending Balance	Fund Balance
TRUSTFUNDS								
Boynton School	\$11,063.07		\$11,063.07	\$4,167.06	\$475.11		\$4,642.17	\$15,705.24
Stearns School	\$10,469.36		\$10,469.36	\$5,537.20	\$501.70		\$6,038.90	\$16,508.26
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$20,995.33	\$383.33	\$21,378.66	\$6,045.35	\$937.85	(\$1,500.00)	\$5,483.20	\$26,861.86
Cemetery Land Improvement	\$3,285.00	\$191.67	\$3,476.67	\$4,542.83	\$244.74		\$4,787.57	\$8,264.24
Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00	\$6,517.38	\$907.72	(\$3,000.00)	\$4,425.10	\$29,425.10
Whittaker-Locke Library	\$10,808.07		\$10,808.07	\$573.29	\$348.43	(\$520.45)	\$401.27	\$11,209.34
Ephraim & Martha Lucindy Hildreth	\$9,966.62		\$9,966.62	\$200.18	\$295.38	\$98.23	\$593.79	\$10,560.41
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$91,587.45	\$575.00	\$92,162.45	\$27,583.29	\$3,710.93	(\$4,922.22)	\$26,372.00	\$118,534.45
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS								
Highway Capital Equipment	\$19,902.74	(\$19,022.74)	\$880.00	\$7,972.18	\$502.88	(\$5,097.26)	\$3,377.80	\$4,257.80
Town Reevaluation				\$2,124.86	\$70.11		\$2,194.97	\$2,194.97
Cemetery Land Purchase	\$9,476.00	(\$6,000.00)	\$3,476.00	\$2,520.06	\$288.81		\$2,808.87	\$6,284.87
Fire Equipment				\$189.54	\$5.58		\$195.12	\$195.12
Library Building	\$10,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$912.42	\$393.41		\$1,305.83	\$13,305.83
Police Cruiser				\$114.24	\$2.68		\$116.92	\$116.92
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	\$39,378.74	(\$23,022.74)	\$16,356.00	\$13,833.30	\$1,263.47	(\$5,097.26)	\$9,999.51	\$26,355.51
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$130,966.19	(\$22,447.74)	\$108,518.45	\$41,416.59	\$4,974.40	(\$10,019.48)	\$36,371.51	\$144,889.96

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Bonnie Evans
James Loece
George Schuett

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief:

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS
For the year ended December 31, 1993

	Levies of: 1993	Prior
Uncollected Taxes, Jan.1, 1993:		
Property Taxes		\$170,925.64
Land Use Change Taxes		0.00
Yield Taxes		3,419.72
Interest & fees		15.00
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$1,484,644.17	
Land Use Change Taxes	0.00	
Yield Taxes	9,017.69	
Overpayments:		
Property Taxes	1,046.96	
Yield Taxes	135.49	
Interest	48.16	
Interest Collected On		
Delinquent Taxes	460.53	8,343.92
Costs Collected On		
Delinquent Taxes		1,439.50
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,495,353.00	\$184,143.78
Remitted To Treasurer During Year:		
Property Taxes	\$1,310,217.65	\$170,926.24
Land Use Change Taxes	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	6,943.89	3,236.43
Interest On Taxes	460.53	8,343.92
Costs	0.00	1,454.50
Overpayments	1,230.61	0.00
Abatements Allowed:		
Property Taxes	716.19	0.00
Yield Taxes	449.43	183.29
Uncollected Taxes, Dec. 31, 1993:		
Property Taxes	173,710.33	
Land Use Change Taxes	0.00	
Yield Taxes	1,624.37	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,495,353.00	\$184,144.38

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
For the year ended December 31, 1993

	Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:		
	1992	1991	Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes		\$52,090.57	\$14,795.40
Taxes Sold to Town	\$74,532.07		
Interest & Costs Collected After Sale	2,360.60	7,208.55	2,387.65
TOTAL DEBITS	\$76,892.67	\$59,299.12	\$17,183.05
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$35,800.05	\$44,242.91	\$7,902.60
Interest & Cost	2,360.60	7,208.55	2,387.65
Deeded to Town	91.89	91.06	6,344.03
Unredeemed Taxes End of Year	38,640.13	7,756.60	548.77
TOTAL CREDITS	\$76,892.67	\$59,299.12	\$17,183.05

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 1993	\$50.00
Cash received:	
Dog licenses	1,701.00
Automobile registrations	83,403.00
Title fees	460.00
Filing fees	5.00
Returned Checks	60.00
Total cash received	85,629.00
Cash remitted to Treasurer	85,629.00
Cash on hand, December 31, 1993	\$50.00

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Hastings
Town Clerk and Tax Collector

MASON POLICE REPORT

Debby Downey, what can I say - sadly missing your smile.

A special Thanks to the Board of Selectmen: Chairperson Clifton Hastings, Wolfgang Millbrandt, and Anne Richards and to their Assistant, Barbara Milkovits. Because of your many hours of work and dedication, Mason is a great place to live. Thanks to my part time officers: Dave Baker, Larry Duval, Mike Farrey, Shawn Lawler, and new addition of John LeBlanc, who completed the part time Academy last winter, also thanks to Kay Duval, who did clerical work.

Kris Thibault, who graduated from Becker College last spring and did his internship with the Mason Police, has become a full time officer for the town. He will be finishing his studies at the New Hampshire full time Police Academy this month (March 94). Kris has signed a two year contract with the town. He has a good future ahead in police work; I hope he stays with us a long time and grows with the town.

Thanks to the Highway Department, Curt Dunn and his people, also Fire Chief Bruce Berry and his department. Both Curt and I would like to address a problem that concerns highway and police. Off Highway RVs and snowmobiles have caused some dangerous situations on town roads. Snow plows have come close to hitting them during some of the past storms. As far as the law goes, it is illegal to drive on the public ways of the town and state.

In June of 1989, I was appointed YOUR Chief of Police. It has been almost 5 years since then. Trying to meet everyone has been one of my goals, so that when you call me there will be someone you and I can identify. I'm proud to be YOUR Chief and plan to serve YOU for many more years.

1993 has been a year that we, as a town, have seen many changes in the way the Police Department has to approach problems. I would like to list some of the items that this department and other local departments have handled. Starting in January and continuing throughout most of the year we had to deal with the problem of raccoons and the rabies' epidemic. In the spring of '93 we were forced to deal with "young people with guns". As innocent as it may have been, that situation gave the police some new issues in officer safety when dealing with young people. In the summer, who would have thought that we would be involved in chasing an alleged murderer through the woods of Mason and Greenville in the middle of the night during thunder storms! A special thanks to Chief Ray Brodley and all of the thirty or so police officers from all over who helped protect the people of Mason. Even though the chase was over within 24 hours, there have been many hours of follow up with the Massachusetts State Police, New Hampshire State Police and some of the Massachusetts local police. The next problem that affected the police departments in the area was the case of the stalker, who was trying to kill a young woman in New Ipswich. This affected Mason because the police departments depend on each other in many situations for back up or help. We have a need to be aware and be ready to act on a moments' notice. That person was caught about six weeks later in a Dorchester, Massachusetts apartment, with a .45 caliber pistol in his pants and wearing a bullet proof vest, ready to do battle with police. He was charged with attempted murder of a Chelmsford, Massachusetts man whom he had shot six weeks earlier.

In December of 1993 I received the police department stats from Base 500 (Monadnock Communications). I had a hard time believing the amount of functions they handled for our police. After double checking the stats subtotal, it showed that they handled 11,038 functions. Some of these calls are broken down for your review. The paper work calls have increased to about 950 as compared to 800 last year, a 150 call difference.

Police Department Call Activity - 1993

Court	16	Arrest Log	4	DWI	2
Assist Motorist	17	Accident	39	Ambulance	20
Wrecker request	11	Escort	7	Fire assist	10
Burglary	14	Assault	2	MV Record Check	123
Domestic Dispute	6	Check Welfare	19	OHRV Complaint	9
Suspicious Car	22	Suspicious Person	7	Stolen Automobile	1
Burglar Alarm	61	Lost Missing person	4	Drunk	1
Transporting Subject	9	Request	812	See Complainant	5
MV Complaint	23	Motor Vehicle Stop	186	Open Door or Window	6
Animal Complaint		Criminal Mischief-		Obscene-Harassing	
Other than Dog	76	Vandalism	33	Phone Calls	4
Call Back Request	641	Vacant Property Report	23	Abandoned Vehicle	22
MV Listing	146	License Check	18	N.C.I.C. Check	6
Larceny-Theft	16	Call By Phone	205	Dog Complaint	64
Found Property	11	General Broadcast	5	Information	1380
Juvenile Problem	2	Shots Fired	5	Trespassing	2
Prisoner in Custody	4	Prowler	1	Pursuit	4
Need Assist	1	Obstruction in road	2	911 Trace	12
Brawl	1	Criminal Threat	1	Disturbance	5
Untimely Death	1	Drug Arrest	1	Hazard	4
natural		Misc.	71		

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Malboeuf,
 Police Chief

REPORT of the PLANNING BOARD for 1993

During 1993, the Planning Board received two applications for site plan reviews, one application for a major subdivision, and one application for a lot line adjustment. All four applications were approved, with both site plan reviews being conditional on state approvals that are still outstanding as of the end of 1993. An application for a minor subdivision submitted in 1992 was also conditionally approved, pending resolution of an easement dispute that is also still outstanding. Informational hearings were held for two other potential subdivisions (a minor subdivision and a lot line adjustment); applications have not yet been submitted for these subdivisions.

The Board also held a compliance hearing for the major subdivision on Merriam Hill Road that was conditionally approved in 1992; conditions were deemed to have been met and the plats were filed with the Registry.

The Planning Board completed hearings on revisions to the Subdivision Regulations. Provisions for septic system design were strengthened, and other changes were made to reflect modifications in New Hampshire laws regarding subdivisions. The revisions, which were reviewed at public hearings, as well as by the Regional Planning Commission, were approved in September.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Griffin, Chairman

MASON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

We started our year off with a very busy, snowy winter. We had a century record breaking amount of snow for the 1992-1993 winter season. Our winter maintenance costs for plowing, labor, and repairs to equipment were higher than the usual average winter costs. As a result of these extra costs, we had to adjust some of our other programs such as gravel on our roads and the crushing of gravel in our pit.

For the first time we tried chip sealing on our highways. So far, we are very happy with the results. It will make our resealing program go from a four or five year program to a seven or eight year resealing program. This sealing program will allow our yearly distance to decrease from three miles a year to two miles a year.

We did some graveling on our gravel roads and also continued our gravel road stabilizer program. This helped to protect our gravel roads through the very dry summer. To keep the same program, we will have to increase the budget cost due to a slight increase in material costs.

We did continue on our regular road maintenance, such as: patching paved roads; grading gravel roads, several times; cleaning culverts; taking down dead trees; etc.

Our new loader will not be delivered until March of 1994, due to production scheduling. It will be a 520C Dresser, equipped with special hydraulic set ups. This will run our plow and wing and mower. The company we are purchasing the loader from has loaned us a loader, free of charge. Also they are maintaining the upkeep of the machine. We have had the use of this machine from April of 1993 to the time our new machine is delivered.

We continued to work on our office building this fall, when it was placed on its foundation. We put in a new well and septic system. We still have much more work to be done and it will be done as time and money allow.

This fall, our Selectmen voted to allow our equipment to be used on a large project at the Mascenic School Athletic Field. I would like to thank the highway personnel who volunteered their many hours of time on weekends to help make this project a huge success. Mason, Greenville, and New Ipswich Highway Departments and many local contractors worked on this project.

I feel that I have to bring to your attention a problem that the highway department has on occasion: the operating of Recreational Vehicles, snowmobiles, three wheelers, four wheelers and trail bikes on our highway system. They become a danger to our drivers on the highway. Especially in winter during storms when snow is blowing, these vehicles are hard to see. And we don't want our drivers having an accident that could have been avoided by everybody using some common sense. I have instructed all drivers to report to me any RVs on the highways. I will, in turn, report to the police the areas they are operating. We have a recreational area set aside by the Conservation Commission for your recreational pleasures. I hope that you will use this area in the future for the safety of all parties concerned and you will have some enjoyable times.

I would like to thank the members of the highway department for their long hours of dedication to the town. Many thanks to other departments and citizens who have helped us through the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Curtis M. Dunn Road Agent

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR OF THE TOWN OF MASON FOR 1993

There have been twenty-three (23) Building Permits issued during 1993. They were issued for the following: (and the total valuation is also listed.)

4	Permanent Dwellings	284,248
3	Additions to Homes	45,061
2	Porch or Deck Attached to Home	10,618
1	Garage Attached to Home	13,735
1	Garage	7,261
4	Barns	44,549
1	Barn Addition	5,771
1	Shed	700
1	Addition for Health Office	1,000
3	Septic Repair	14,000
2	Town Buildings	<u>N/A</u>
		426,943

There have been five (5) Oil Burner Permits issued.

The House and Waterhole Numbering System is continually being upgraded. It would be more beneficial if all residents would use their correct numbers.

I hold Office Hours at the Mann House on Tuesday evenings by appointment. Please call 878-2894 for your appointment.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth E. Wilson
Building Inspector

REPORT of the WILTON RECYCLING CENTER

Anyone who read a newspaper back in 1979 could not help but realize the seriousness of the solid waste crisis this country was facing. As the Wilton Recycling Center starts its 14th year, the six communities who have participated in what was considered a pioneer effort in solving part of the waste disposal problem, should be proud of the fact that they were able to divert a significant amount of what was once considered trash, back into something useful, as well as savings to the environment, energy and landfill space.

In 1993, even with the stagnant markets for recyclables, we were able to increase revenues to about 10% of our operating cost and hopefully this will carry over into 1994. The household hazardous waste day was a success; though the disposal cost for this type of waste has increased considerably. Very few people were refused.

Again we would like to thank the people from Wilton, Lyndeborough, Mason, Temple, Greenville and Greenfield for their help in making 1993 at the recycling center another success.

Respectfully submitted,
A. Carl Wetherbee, Supervisor

MASON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To address the need for more members, a committee was formed to increase membership. This year they were able to draw in three new members, and one former member returned. New members are always needed. If you think you may be interested, talk to any firefighter or call the station, leave a message on the recorder and someone will get back to you.

Charles "Woody" Fifield has retired after thirty one years of service. Woody, as he is known to his friends, was the last of our charter members. He had been Second Assistant Chief for at least the twenty years I have been on the department. He had many talented skills; handling people was his best. I learned a lot from him, and we will miss him. On behalf of the Town, I want to thank him for his service and wish him the best in his retirement.

The state legislature has made major changes in the laws that regulate the fire service. You will find articles in the warrant reflecting these changes.

Last year at about this time, I was appointed along with resident, Richard Wilborg, to a committee to look into communications needs and costs. Each town that Monadnock Communications served was represented. We published a report and presented it to the Selectmen. I wish to thank Dick for the many hours he put into this project with me.

Any resident wishing a woodstove inspection, or who is thinking of installing a woodstove and in need of information, contact me. I may be reached at the business number on your telephone emergency decal (654-2434).

If you use an outside burning barrel, please don't forget to have it inspected. Assistant Chief David Cook does those inspections. He may be reached at home or at the above number.

STATISTICAL DATA FOR 1993

Mutual Aid	6	Ambulance Assist	3
Chimney Fire	4	Electrical	1
Structure Fire	3	Lightning Strike	2
Fire Alarm	3	Police Assist	2
Brush Fire	6	Inspections	7
Vehicle Fire	1	Follow up Investigations	7
Smoke Investigation	7	Illegal Burn	2
Vehicle Accident	12	Call Backs	18

Training & Meetings

Drills	30	Communication Meetings	20
Department Meetings	12		

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce W. Berry
Fire Chief

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

At last the dam problem at the Railroad Trail culvert on Black Brook has been solved! The ancient granite culvert has been reshaped into an open channel, and the embankment graded back to a stable slope. The small dam just upstream belongs to the neighbors and holds back their pond. The Conservation Commission is very grateful to Tim Washburn and Eric Anderson for doing an excellent job and accomplishing this formidable task within the budget! Thanks are also due to Tom Chrisenton, Hillsborough County District Conservationist, whose sensible suggestions were able to break the bureaucratic logjam, and led to state approval of the Commission's re-grading plan. This has been a project to which many have contributed --- the Wilton-Lyndeborough Winter Wanderers snowmobile club have built a small bridge across the channel for recreation use, and Commission members, friends and relatives have put in hours of work as well. Special thanks go to Ray Bernier and Frank Blanchard of Asplundh Tree experts, who delivered many loads of wood chips to the site for groundcover.

Railroad Trail management has required much attention this year. The installation of gates at all road intersections was completed. Maintenance of the gates against vandalism was required. Thanks to police vigilance, the Commission was able to keep on top of problems. Since it's included in the national Rails to Trails guidebook, Mason's Railroad Trail has become somewhat famous. We have received inquiries from bicyclists from as far away as Illinois.

Other issues the Commission has been involved in over the year: wetlands crossings for logging operations, land clearing for a golf driving range, control of the keys for the Railroad Trail gates. Clyde Kimball, Regional Supervisor of the NH Bureau of Off-Highway Vehicles, strongly advised against giving out keys to private individuals. Passways exist around all gates for small recreational vehicles. Mason's Selectmen believe that people with horses and carriages should have keys, while the Commission believes that keys should only be in the hands of public officials (police, fire, highway departments) and those who would need to get in for management and safety reasons.

Improvements have been made at the town's Spaulding Brook Conservation Land, that was acquired in 1991 with a state grant. For his Eagle Scout project, John Dube designed, supervised, and carried out the construction of a trail and footbridge over Spaulding Brook to connect the Starch Mill and Mitchell Hill Road sides of this 163 acre parcel. Many thanks to John and the Scout crew -- to cross their pine log bridge is a wilderness experience!

Respectfully submitted,
Conservation Commission

Selectmen's note: Selectmen believe that until such time as a problem develops with the issuance of keys, carriages should not be encumbered from use of the trail.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

1993 was a quiet one in Mason's Cemeteries. The crews kept busy with the spring clean up, summer mowing and trimming, and the ever popular fall leaf raking. They did a very tidy job indeed.

The pile of stumps was removed from the new cemetery, along with any large stones that were obvious from the surface. We would like to thank Matt LeClair of Barrett Hill Farm for disc harrowing and dragging the field as a donation to our efforts. This smoothed the field out nicely and blessed us with a bountiful crop of stones. We spent many hours this fall picking up these stones to make the way safe for lawn mowers in the future.

We are grateful to the Mascenic Junior Class who sent us about a dozen volunteers to help us pick stones one cold afternoon. Their enthusiasm and energy were an inspiration. Thank you and feel free to come again.

We hope to be ready by late spring to begin laying down gravel for the road ways and seeding the field.

Respectfully submitted,
David Morrison
Wolfgang Millbrandt
Wallace Brown
Cemetery Trustees

Deaths and/or Burials in the Town of Mason for the year ending December 31, 1993

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>
Mar.22	Franklin E. Craig, Jr.	Mason	Prospect Hill
Apr. 18	Evelyn M. Cook	Mason	Cremated
May 1	Paul B. Huntley	Mason	Linwood, Haverhill, MA
May 11	Carl F. Newell	Mason	Prospect Hill
May 12	Micheal Place	Mason	Prospect Hill
July 8	Deborah S. Downey	Mason	Prospect Hill
Sept. 10	Lena M. Miller	Mason	Prospect Hill
Sept. 12	Rhea J. Williams	Somerville, MA	Prospect Hill
Sept. 18	Dana Washburn	Mason	Prospect Hill
Oct. 25	Vito G. Polumbo	Townsend, MA	Pratt Annex
Nov. 18	Robert F. Moore	Mason	Harvard Medical School

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the TOWN of MASON
for the year ending December 31, 1993**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Married by</u>
Apr. 24	William Barry Doiron Laura Lee Moore	Mason Mason	Bonnie C. Evans Clergy
May 2	Tapani Kalervo Laine Paula Barbara Severin	Mason Mason	Charlotte N. Hastings Justice of the Peace
May 15	Stuart James Fraizer Audrey Louise Burris	Mason Mason	Bonnie C. Evans Clergy
Aug. 13	Kenneth M. Fowler Claire Hattie Drinkwater	Leominster, MA Leominster, MA	Charlotte N. Hastings Justice of the Peace
Aug. 14	Paul Robert Doucet Mary Patricia Nason	Mason Mason	Charlotte N. Hastings Justice of the Peace
Aug. 14	William Samuel Andrews, Jr. Carrie Marie Hodges	Logan, Utah West Valley City, Utah	Joanne E. Stoughton Clergy
Sept. 19	Russell E. Boisvert Laura J. Adams	Mason Mason	Maureen E. Robinson Justice of the Peace
Oct. 23	Tommy Scott Shook Summer Snow Membrino	Mason Fitchburg, MA	Bonnie C. Evans Clergy
Dec. 13	Michael Jesse Martins Karen Lynne Miller	Mason Mason	Carl W. Chandler Justice of the Peace

**BIRTHS in the TOWN of MASON
for the year ending December 31, 1993**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Feb. 28	Michael Patrick O'Loughlin	Memorial Nashua	Dawn Marie Collins Patrick John O'Loughlin
Mar. 10	Lillian Irene Rogers	St. Joseph Nashua	Marcia June Young John Carl Rogers
May 11	Hannah Lee Washburn	Monadnock Peterborough	Lisa Jean VanAllen Dana Walter Washburn
Aug. 11	Elizabeth Margaret Tamulonis	St. Joseph Nashua	Jeanne Marie Simoneau Stephen Paul Tamulonis
Aug. 25	Corey Johnathan Forrest	St. Joseph Nashua	Michelle Lee Duval Thomas John Forrest
Aug. 29	Morgan John Siegmann	Memorial Nashua	Michelle Patricia McNenny Lee Hartley Siegmann
Sept. 29	Nicholas Anthony Calderan	Memorial Nashua	Mary Louise McHarg Mark Anthony Calderan

MASON PUBLIC LIBRARY

In 1993 the Library continued to develop in a number of areas. A computer, purchased through a grant, allows us to serve our patrons better by locating books to borrow through Interlibrary Loan on-line. We extended our programming for middle school age students through our new "Picnic Basket Book Club" and the "Ugly Book Club". We undertook a number of fundraising efforts to help update our collection and the services we provide.

Matching funds for the computer purchase were provided by Frederick Einstein, a former Mason resident. We are grateful to Wolfgang Millbrandt for the technical advice he gave us about selecting a system. Due to rising fees, we have dropped our membership in one computer networking organization, but we have joined a new group that will give us the information we need.

The library's reference collection has been strengthened by a set of Thomas Register business reference books. Another grant allowed us to purchase a set of books to help promote literacy in adults. Our video collection continues to grow from the generous donations of individual townspeople. We continue to offer movies from the Hillstown Video Coop, which has expanded its collection. Susan and Peter Seraichick have donated a number of books on audiocassettes.

The library continues to work toward offering programming for all age groups. Our librarian, Diana LeBlanc, has offered story hour programs for preschoolers. Sue Wolpert, the library aide and a volunteer in the library, has done an outstanding job in preparing displays and decorations. To maintain the interest of older children in the library, Diana set up the "Picnic Basket Book Club", which combined book talks with hiking and beach activities. The close of the summer programs was celebrated with an evening of storytelling by Nelson LeMay. In the fall, older children were invited to join "The Ugly Book Club", which prepared attractive new covers for "neglected" books. For adult patrons, the library displayed items from local artists and craftspeople related to the Historical Society's program in October on "Herbs in Colonial Times". Diana and Sue offered a well attended storytelling and craft program at the "Greening of Mason" in December with help from Lauren Davieau, Naomi Fletcher, and Coriann Lanni.

The Trustees undertook several fundraising projects that raised \$600 this year. We raffled our "windfall": a 1990 edition of Encyclopedia Americana that was given to us free with our purchase of the 1993 edition. We held a Bake Sale and a Used Book Sale. We would particularly like to thank Pam Steinberg for her continuing support of the library, through her volunteer efforts. We are grateful to her and others who have donated materials and their efforts to the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Lewicke

Marydale Casey

Cheryl Davieau

Library Trustees



MASON PUBLIC LIBRARY

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1993

January 1, 1993 Account Balance \$ 2999.37

Receipts:

Town Appropriation	\$19,330.00
Gifts for Book Purchases	187.00
Fundraising	668.66
Whitaker-Locke Trust Fund Interest	520.45
Fines, Lost Books Fees, and Sales	
of Used Books	63.56
NOW Account Interest	<u>41.78</u>
	\$20,811.45

Expenditures:

Salaries	\$14,878.85
Payroll Tax	1,138.05
Dues and Fees	560.00
Equipment Maintenance	45.00
Equipment (Computer)	2,122.00
Postage	75.00
Programming	114.44
Supplies	136.16
Telephone	325.14
Travel	170.00
Library Materials:	
Books	2,210.00
Periodicals	288.14
Gifts (Books)	<u>239.73</u>
	\$22,302.51

Returned to Town General Fund: \$ 149.94

December 31, 1993 Account Balance \$ 1,358.37

OPERATIONS STATISTICS

	Cataloged books	Pbk Books	A-V
Added to collection:	564	221	92
Lost or withdrawn:	137	109	1
Total collection:	8,379	1,634	281
Total registered borrowers:			515
Number of library programs:			38
Program participants:			616
Number of materials borrowed from Mason Library:			8,145
Materials Borrowed from other libraries:			136
Materials lent to other libraries:			35
Number of books and materials added by donation:			422
added by purchase:			234

HOME HEALTH CARE and COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Report to the Town of Mason January 1, 1993 - December 31, 1993 Annual Report

In 1993, Home Health Care and Community Services continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Mason. The following information represents a projection of Home Health Care and Community Services' activities in your community in 1993. The projection is based on actual services provided from January through September 1993 and an estimate of usage during October, November and December.

Service Report

<u>Services Offered</u>	<u>Services Provided</u>
Nursing	53 Visits
Child Health Nursing	1 Visit
Physical Therapy	4 Visits
Speech Pathology	0 Visits
Occupational Therapy	0 Visits
Homemaker	10 Hours
Home Health Aide	27 Visits
Medical Social Work	2 Visits
Outreach	3 Visits
Nutritionist	1 Visit
Total Unduplicated Residents Served:	12

Regularly scheduled wellness clinics, child health clinics, prenatal and hospice care are also available to residents. Town funding partially supports these services.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The actual cost of all services provided in 1993 with all funding sources is projected to be \$7,303.33.

These services have been supported to the greatest extent possible by Medicare, Medicaid, other insurances, grants and patient fees. Services that were not covered by other funding have been supported by your town.

For 1994, we recommend an appropriation of \$1,500.00 to continue home care services at the current level.

Thank you for your consideration.

TOWN MEETING MARCH 9, 1993

The Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk. The Town Clerk was asked to read the Warrant through Article 1. Mrs. Schwenk reviewed the procedure. Polls were declared open at 11:07 A.M. Checklist total was 691. Polls were closed at 7:06 P.M. after 129 had voted. There were no absentee ballots.

Results are as follows:

Selectman for 3 years:	Anne Richards	119
Town Clerk for 3 years:	Charlotte N. Hastings	122
Tax Collector for 3 years:	Charlotte N. Hastings	122
Treasurer for 3 years:	Deborah S. Downey	125
Auditor for 1 year:	Patricia A. Greene	123
Library Trustee for 3 years:	Cheryl Davieau	121
Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years:	David Morrison	125
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years:	James W. Losee	124

The Meeting was reopened at 8:00 P.M. There were 119 registered voters present. Mrs. Schwenk again reviewed the procedure. Note was made of the fire and emergency exits. Thanks were given to Sally and Ken Wilson for setting up the polls and the room for the meeting. Mrs. Schwenk expressed her appreciation to the Town Clerk and other election officials.

Colors were presented by Nathan Archambault and Jessie Knisley from Troop #264. Invocation was given by Rev. Bonnie C. Evans and Mrs. Schwenk lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Note was made that the Town Reports were not available a full 7 days before the Town Meeting. Mrs. Schwenk read RSA 40: that pertains to this matter. She explained the two options we had. There were no objections to holding the Town Meeting as scheduled. Reading of the Warrant was waived.

Note was made of errors in the Town Report and the following changes were made.

Page 12. Library, under actual expenses: supplies 200, telephone 364., travel 150, books 1730. The total actual figure was corrected to read 18,787.

Page 15. Under Total Town Expenses: Actual total should read 596,408 and the variance should read 19,739.

Page 15. Under Total All Expenses: Actual 1992 total should read 1,662,416 and the variance should read 19,739.

Page 19. Report of the Trust Funds. Under Income: A new column heading "Receipts". For the Ephraim & Martha Hildreth Fund, the amount of 521,93 should be added.

Page 21. Town Clerk's Report: Total cash should read 82,697.50 and Cash Remitted to Treasurer should read 82,647.50.

Page 27. Library financial report: Under expenditures: telephone should be 364.06.

Article 2. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, or borrowing, or otherwise the sum of Five Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand and Six Dollars (\$578,006) for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing, or take any other action relative thereto.

Mrs. Schwenk went over the line items and a few were brought up for discussion. Mrs. Richards explained the addition of a salary for the Fire Chief. This is a new salary. Some questioned our health insurance coverage. Are we getting the best at that price? Selectmen said they were pleased with the NHMA Health Insurance.

Article 3. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$578,006 for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to purchase a Loader for the Highway Department and authorize the withdrawal of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) from the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund created for that purpose. Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) of the balance of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) is to come from general taxation. The remainder of the balance, Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), is to come from borrowing, or take any other action relative thereto.

Road Agent Curt Dunn, described the alternatives to this need. Discussion was held in regards to spending at least \$16,000 for repairs and then not knowing, if more problems would turn up. The loader is a 1978 and has just over 10,000 hours. This model is no longer being made and parts are hard to get. Mention was made of different models, the possibility of leasing, the total cost of leasing and more on the condition of the old loader. A motion was made and seconded to advance Article 16 before the vote on Article 4. The motion failed to pass. The polls were declared open at 8:47 and were closed at 9:00.

A motion was made, seconded, and we voted to table Articles 5 and 6 until after the vote is announced for Article 4.

Article 7. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw up to \$5,000 from the Cemetery Land Purchase Fund for the purpose of laying out gravel roads in the new cemetery, also for mapping out new lots and seeding.

Article 8. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw up to \$1,000 from the Cemetery Land Purchase Fund for the purpose of making an entrance ramp off Route 123 to gain access to Town owned land behind Pleasant View Cemetery.

Article 4. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to purchase a loader for the Highway Department and authorized the withdrawal of \$25,000 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. \$25,000 of the balance of \$50,000 is to come from general taxation. The remainder of the balance, \$25,000 is to come from borrowing. This was by ballot vote. 117 voted. 98 yes, 19 no.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand (\$16,000) to repair the H60E Loader to make it a primary piece of equipment, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made, seconded and we voted to postpone this article indefinitely.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Highway Capital Equipment Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made, seconded and we voted to postpone this article indefinitely.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Mrs. Schwenk announced that a ballot vote had been requested on this article.

Mrs. Steinberg made a motion and it was seconded that Article 9 be voted on by a voice vote, or in the event that the moderator is unsure of the result, by a standing vote. This motion passed.

Mrs. Schwenk was asked to explain the policy in regards to a ballot vote. She said that she followed the policy of our former Moderator, Marie McCaffery. She keeps track of the requests and if, at least 5 are received, that article is done by ballot. She asked if anyone present wanted a ballot vote on Article 9. One person stood up. It was felt that anyone making such a request should be willing to stand up at Town Meeting.

Article 9. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to withdraw the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) from the Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson Trust Fund for the restoration of the exterior of "Tom's House" on the Mason Common, or take any other action relative thereto. By petition.

Mrs. Preston spoke on this project and answered questions pertaining to the request and the history of the building. Mr. Schwenk expressed concern about taking the interest from the Trust Fund. Mr. Craig requested reconsideration of Article 3, to cover the \$3,000. He withdrew, when told that it was not necessary, if we did vote to raise the money by taxation.

A motion was made, seconded, to raise the \$3,000 by taxation. The motion failed.

Article 10. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount of \$3,000 from the Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson Trust Fund for the restoration of the exterior of "Tom's House" on the Mason Common.

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) from the Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson Trust Fund for the removal of the maple tree and repair of the Town Hall Parking lot, and the construction of a Handicap ramp and entrance to the Town Hall to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act and per RSA 658:9-a, or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Blum made a motion to raise the \$3,500 by taxation instead of taking it from that trust fund. Comments were made as to the need of said ramp etc. Mrs. Schmidt was asked to give her opinions as a handicapped person. It was mentioned that the Library is already handicapped accessible.

The motion to raise the 3,500 by taxation was passed.

Article 11. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the amount of \$3,500 for the removal of the maple tree and repair of the Town Hall parking lot, and the construction of a Handicap ramp and entrance to the Town Hall to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act per RSA 658:9-a.

Article 12. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,450 for the installation of Fire Exit Lights, Emergency Lights and Door Locks in the Mann House and the Town Hall to comply with the NH State Fire Code adopted pursuant to RSA: 153:5 and applicable state laws.

Article 13. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 for the valuation of all utility property specifically:

- A. Valuation of main transmission lines, including the 345,000 volt transmission line to Vermont and the 34,500 volt line to Greenville.
- B. Valuation of easement held interests associated with the transmission lines.
- C. Valuation of all in-street distribution facilities, including poles, transformers, wires, guys, reclosures, and any other miscellaneous properties associated with Public Service Company and New England Telephone Company.
- D. Valuation of service connections for both telephone and electricity for residential, commercial, and industrial services in the Town of Mason.

Article 14. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$418 to support the Gateway Health Center for the year 1993-1994.

Article 15. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$441.67, from surplus, such amounts received in 1992 from the sale of cemetery lots, to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Fund.

Article 16 . The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department and with monies received to be placed in the Highway Capital Equipment Reserve Fund.

Article 17. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to convey any real estate acquired by the Town by tax collector's deed. Such conveyance shall be by deed following a public auction, or the property may be sold by advertised sealed bids, or the property may be retained by the Town, or may be otherwise disposed of as justice may require pursuant to RSA 80:80.

Article 18. The Town voted to authorize the Trustees of the Library to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by Town Meeting, money from the state, federal or other government unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year.

Article 19. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to accept a deed from Elizabeth Orton Jones conveying to the Town of Mason a certain tract of land containing the Lawrence Gravesite, and property being shown as Parcel A on a plan entitled "Plan of Land -Lawrence Gravesite -to be conveyed - Elizabeth Orton Jones to - Town of Mason - Mason, New Hampshire scale 1"- 20' dated December 29, 1992, prepared by Monadnock Survey, Inc. Wilton, NH. It is understood that this vote is completely contingent and conditional upon the receipt by the Town within ninety days of this vote a good and sufficient Warranty Deed to the tract of land containing the Lawrence Gravesite as shown on said plan. The purpose of this conveyance is to preserve in perpetuity an important historical site.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey to the Mascenic School District a certain tract of land to accomodate the existing school playground including a slide and two (2) benches, and the erection of a fence around the playground, which land is situated northwesterly of Meetinghouse Hill Road, southerly of the land of Schwenk, and southeasterly and northerly of land of the school district, or take any other action in relation thereto. By petition.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to postpone this article indefinitely. It was pointed out that the school already owned this parcel of land.

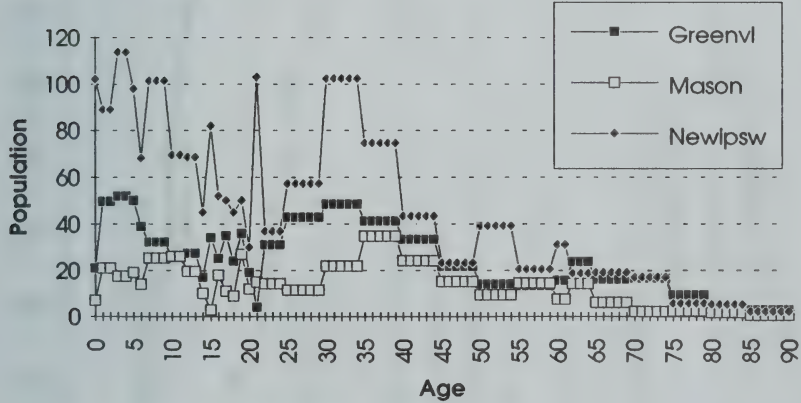
Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to withdraw from the Mascenic Regional School District in accordance with RSA 195:25, or take any other action relative thereto.

This article failed to pass. Reference was made to comments of Mr. Coffey's in a recent newspaper article regarding next years approach to the change in funding.

We adjourned at 10:43 P.M. Sine Dai
Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk



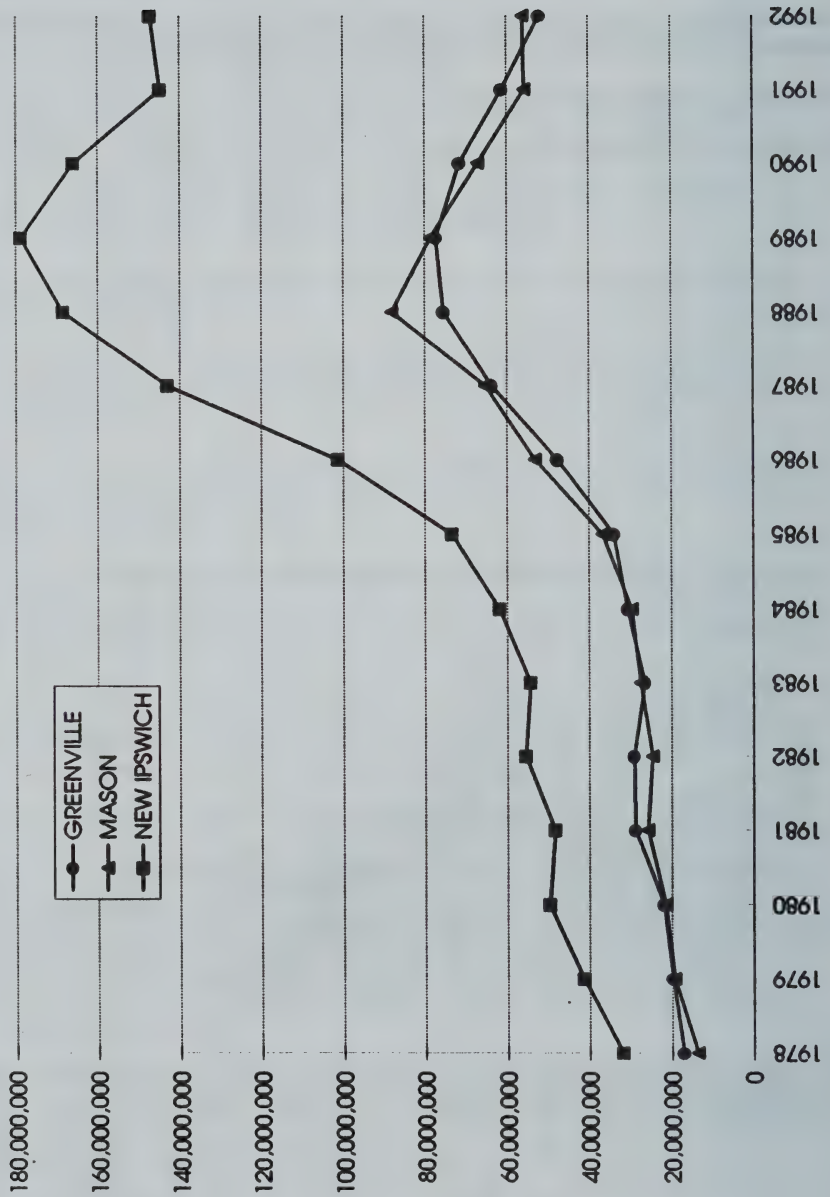
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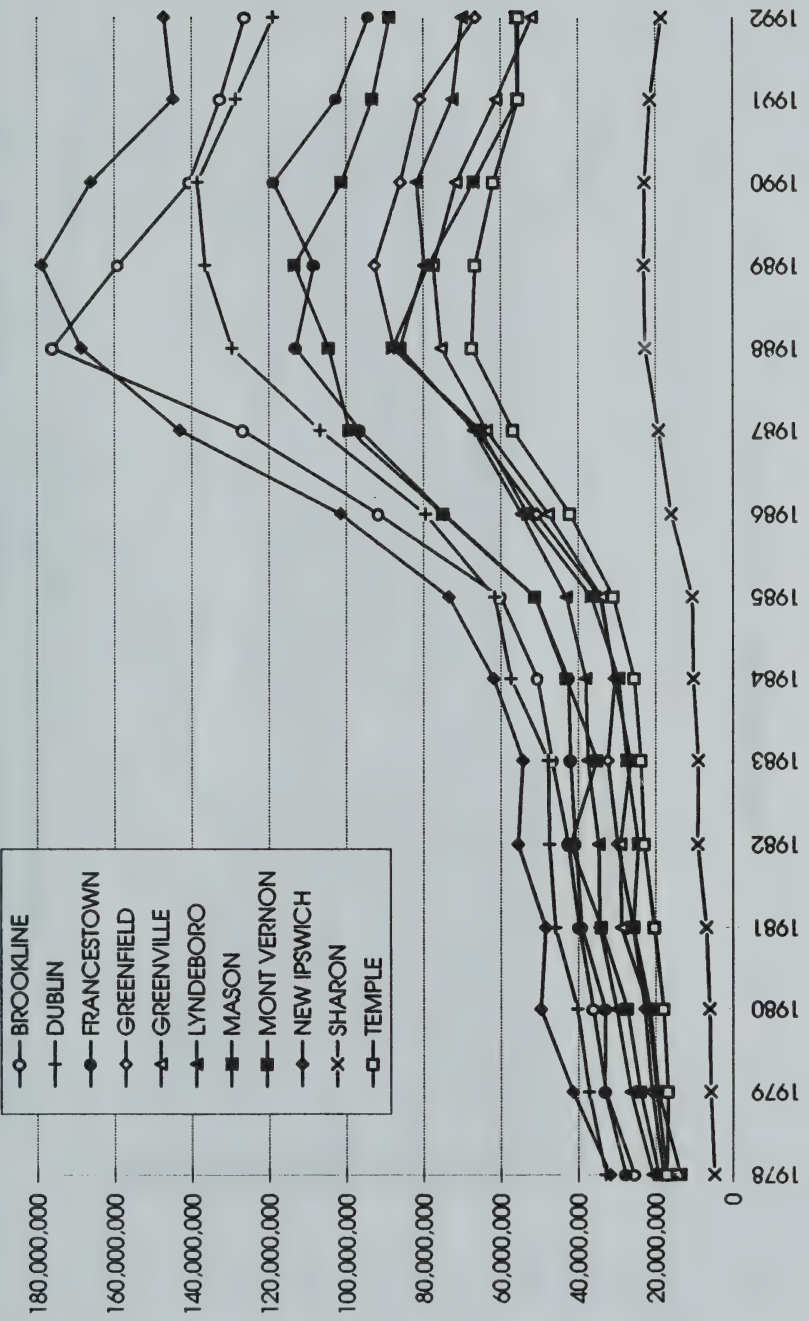
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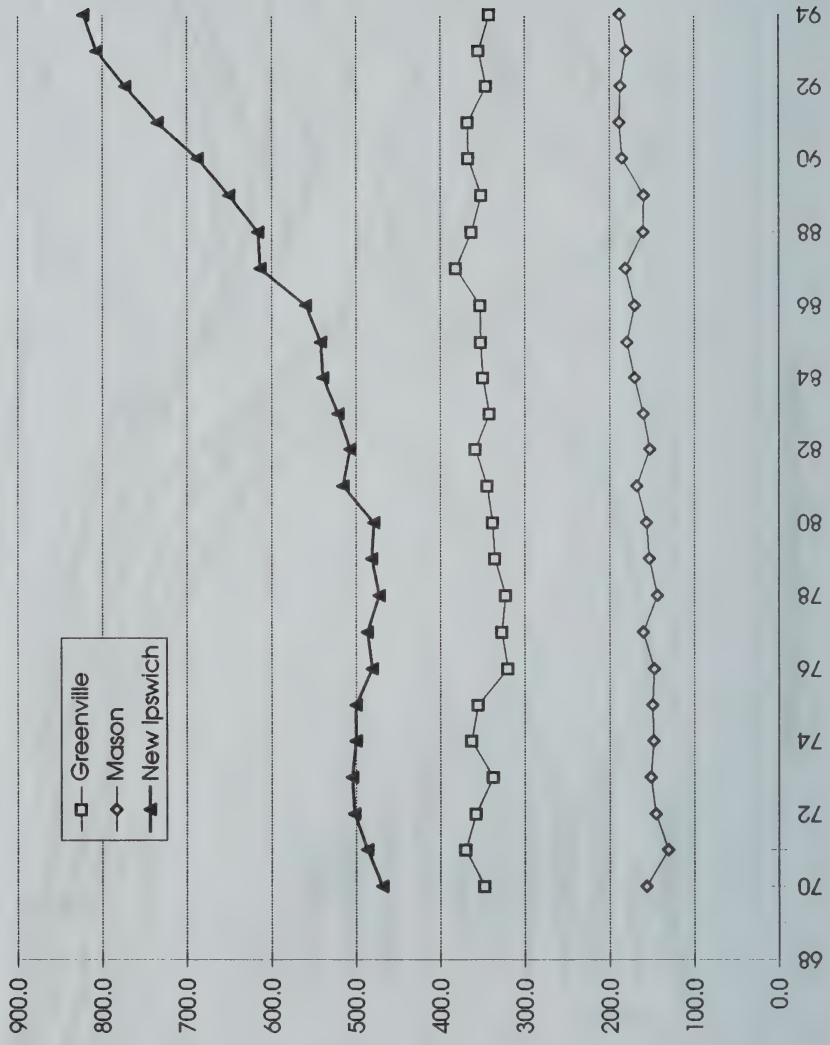
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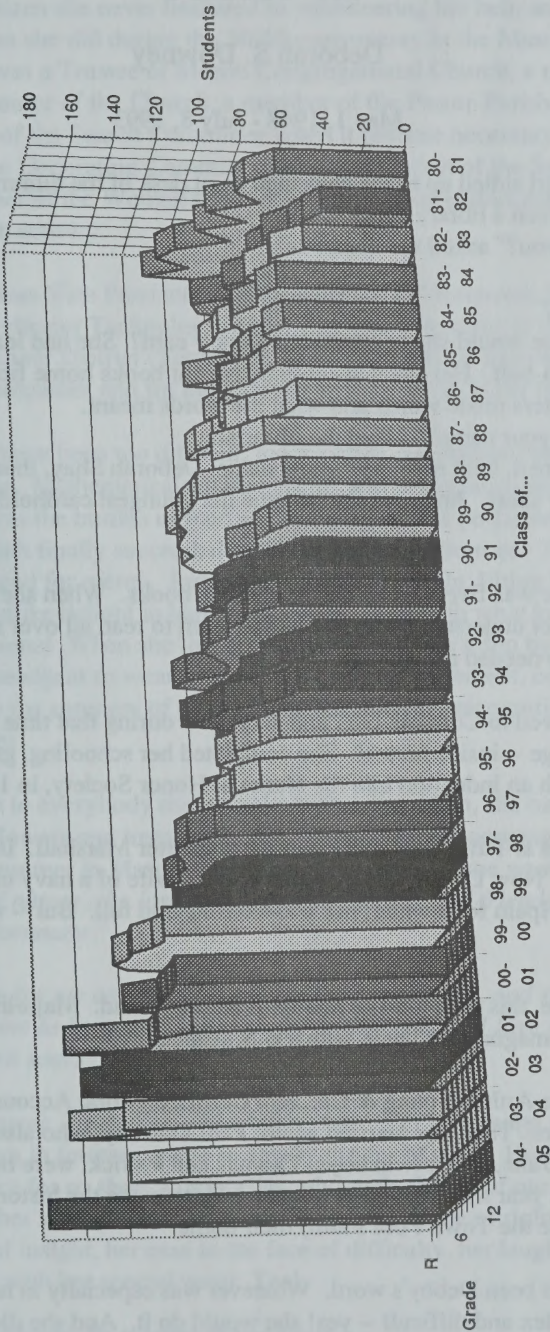
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Mascenic ADM - Tax Years 70-94



Student Cohorts



IN TRUST

Deborah S. Downey

May 1, 1948 - July 8, 1993

A very small girl sidled up to the chin-high front desk of the Summit, NJ Public Library and asked to be given a library card.

"How old are you?" asked the librarian.

"Four."

"Can you read?"

"Yes!" Why else would she be wanting a library card? She had learned to read when she was two-and-a-half. Her older sister had brought books home from school and had explained how letters made words and what the words meant.

"Can you sign your name?" asked the librarian.

"Yes!" She signed, with ease, her whole name: Deborah Shay, though she was usually called Debby, for short. And thus she became the youngest cardholder in the history of that library.

By the time she was five, Debby had read many books. When she entered the first grade she could not understand why she had to learn to read all over again. She was a wonder-child who needed a challenge.

The Shays moved to Corning, NY, and somehow during that time of transition Debby found her challenge -- inside herself. She completed her schooling, graduating from Corning High with an induction into the National Honor Society, in 1966.

After two years at Tufts University she married Peter Marshall. In 1969, their son Jeffrey was born. Now Debby was a mother and the wife of a navy officer. They traveled, lived in Spain for a while; life was exciting and full. But -- what about the challenge?

Back to college, this time the University of Rhode Island. Majoring in Accounting, Debby graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. degree.

She worked for Arthur Young & Co., as a Certified Public Accountant in Washington, D. C. for two years. Then she married again: Paul Downey, who also worked for Arthur Young & Co. In June, 1979, twin boys, Thomas and Patrick, were born to them. And in November of that year they moved to Mason, NH, to make the historic old place on Valley Road (once the Town Poor Farm) their home.

Yes has always been Debby's word. Whatever was especially in need of doing, no matter how complex and difficult -- yes! she would do it. And she did.

During her fourteen years here in Mason she said "Yes!" many times. She served as Town Clerk and Town Treasurer. She was a Trustee of Trust Funds for the town. Also, as a caring, thinking citizen she never hesitated in volunteering her help and her ideas for the good of our town, as she did during the 50/50 controversy in the Mascenic School District in 1991. She was a Trustee of Mason Congregational Church, a member of the Diaconate Board, Treasurer of the Church, a member of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, a member of the Search Committee when it became necessary to find a new Pastor, a member of the Decorating Committee when renovation of the Sanctuary had to be undertaken, a member of the Women's Prayer Group, and an enthusiastic participant in just about every Church activity.

Professionally, she was Vice President and Treasurer of Oil Recovery Systems of Greenville (later Groundwater Technology, Inc.). She was Treasurer of the North Middlesex Regional School District (Townsend, MA). She was an Income Tax Consultant for small companies and for individuals, with an office in her home.

All of which might have been too difficult, too weighty, too demanding for anyone else. But not for Debby. Mathematical entanglements and momentous problems of policy were easy -- compared to the burden of pain and the remorseless persistence of the horrendous Cancer which finally succeeded in taking her away from us. Yet she never complained, never begged for mercy. Instead, she laughed: bright, lilting laughter. What joy was hers, what childlike delight in happy occasions! And with what keen wit did she taunt threatening situations! When she lost all her hair, she made it fun by innovating amusing and colorful headgear to wear. Never, not even for a moment, could anything loosen her moorings to the sureness of purpose and the unerring recognition of rightness so firmly centered in her.

In a letter she wrote to everybody three weeks before her death, she named summer as her favorite season -- flowers and trees, birds singing and peepers peeping, and the air aglow with fireflies. Summer in Mason. *"In spite of my illness," she wrote, "I feel blessed. The beauty of nature, the love and support of family and friends, lift me from despair. I have been fortunate."*

And, finally: *"Listen for me as I join the owls in their night song, and sing with the songbirds. Watch for me as I wave to you with my daylily hands. I love you all and because of you my spirit soars."*

And so she soared away -- too soon. Much too soon. Yet how many people have done as much for a town in fourteen years as Debby did for Mason? How fortunate were we to have had her even for so short a time! She, who took charge of our Town Trust Funds, has left us another kind of Trust -- her challenge, her sense of rightness and fairness, her sureness of insight, her ease in the face of difficulty, her laughter and her love, all sealed and stamped with her special word: Yes!

May we, people of Mason, be worthy of her Trust.



